

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-17
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NOS. 3 AND 4 TO NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued March 21, 2001)

On January 23, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., filed third and fourth amendments to their negotiated interconnection agreement. The third amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for complex firm order confirmation. The fourth amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for LIS Inter Local Calling Area Facility. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-97-17. The Utilities Board (Board), on October 6, 1997, had approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On February 2, 2001, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or

amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Amendment Nos. 3 and 4 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on January 23, 2001, by U S West Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., are approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer  
Acting Executive Secretary, Asst. to

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2001.